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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE—ISSUE FEE PAID
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PETITION

1. Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue.

PATENT ISSUE FEE

2. The issue fee for this case has been paid on September 15, 2005

(complete the following if known)

This application is scheduled to – **DATE NOT YET AVAILABLE**

☐ issue on _____.

☐ as patent _____.

REASON(S) FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

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3. The reason for the request for withdrawal from issue is:

(check applicable item(s) below)

- (a) ☐ one or more of the claims are unpatentable.
- (b) ☒ consideration of a request for continued examination under § 1.114.
- (c) ☐ for express abandonment to permit consideration of an information disclosure statement under § 1.97 in a continuing application.
- (d) ☐ for express abandonment in favor of a continuing application.

Further details as to the reason(s) for this withdrawal request are set forth on the attached 2 sheet(s).

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AMENDMENT

NOTE: Any amendment accompanying a petition to withdraw an application from issue should comply with the requirements of § 312 (Amendment after allowance).

4. ☐ Accompanying this petition is an amendment.

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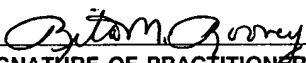
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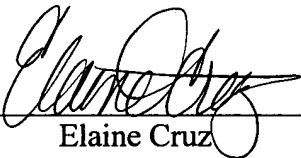
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In Re The Application of:)
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Serial No.: 10/607,699) Examiner: Maust, Timothy Lewis
Filed: June 27, 2003) Art Unit: 3751
For: METHODS OF PROVIDING)
REFUELING FOR FUEL CELL-)
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Sir:

**STATEMENT OF REASONS IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL
FROM ISSUE**

Applicants have filed herewith a Petition for Withdrawal From Issue Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2). For the record, Applicants wish to state the following reasons in support of that Petition.

Applicants filed the present application with the PTO on June 27, 2003, and were granted a foreign filing license as indicated on the filing receipt issued by the PTO. A Recission of Previous Non-Publication Request Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)((2)(B)(iii) was filed on June 24, 2004. On June 25, 2004, Applicants filed a PCT application, which claimed priority from the present application, with the US Receiving Office and designated the European Patent Office (EPO) as the International Searching Authority.

On August 8, 2005, a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was mailed by the PTO to counsel for Applicants, making payment of the issue fee due not later than November 8, 2005. On September 15, 2004, Applicants paid the issue fee.

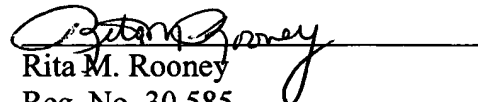
On October 14, 2005, counsel for Applicants received an International Search Report and accompanying references for a PCT application which is a counterpart to the present application. Due to docketing and processing time, counsel for Applicants first became aware of the International Search Report on November 15, 2005. Counsel immediately contacted the PTO to ascertain when the patent was expected to issue, and was advised that the issue date was not yet assigned, and was further advised that a petition to withdraw from issue (based on a request for continued examination) could be granted within the remaining time.

Applicants have proceeded diligently with respect to both the present application and the PCT application and respectfully request that their Petition for Withdrawal From Issue be granted.

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